

The Giving Nest Preschool and Kindergarten -January Newsletter-



We welcome you back to school and wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

In January During Sing Time we begin by ringing in the new year! We will come together in the sing room and count down from 10 to 1 and yell 'Happy New Year!' We will talk about News Year's Resolutions, including our own and what each class at the Giving Nest will accomplish this year. We will continue to learn about who are the people in our neighborhood, we will talk about germs and how to stay healthy, and we will learn what Martin Luther King was known for. We will also learn new songs for the winter season! We are looking forward to a fun filled month!



New Year's Resolutions at the Giving Nest

We wish everyone a happy and healthy new year! The arrival of 2025 will be celebrated at the Giving Nest with noisemakers and confetti. Each class is challenged with a new skill to accomplish in 2025

The Chickadees (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ year old's) will begin to learn how to unpack their own backpacks. Upon arrival, with guidance from the teachers, the children will learn where the backpack is hung up and where to put their folder. After a few times it's amazing to see how quickly the children learn how to do this themselves.

The Ducklings (3 to 4-year old's) will begin getting their own coats at the end of the day and putting them on without any help. They will use the preschool method of laying the coats on the ground and putting their arms in the sleeves and flipping the coats over their heads (flip-flop over the top!).

The Bluebirds and Cardinals (4 to 5-year old's) will begin zippering, buttoning and/or snapping their own coats and putting on their hats and gloves all by themselves.

The Kindergarteners (5 to 6-year old's) will begin tying their shoes all by themselves. If your child has Velcro shoes, please consider buying tie shoes next time. We will also have shoe tying books in the classroom for the children to practice.

-- Important Dates in January:



- January 2nd - Welcome Back to School
- January 6th and 7th - Progress Reports go home
- January 8th to 10th - Conferences - sign-ups will go out on January 3rd
- January 15th and 16th - Pajama and Slipper Day! (check your child's class calendar)
- January 20th - No School - Celebrate Martin Luther King Day!
- January 21st - Pre-Registration for your 25/26 class choice begins. Look for our email!
- January 23rd - Pre-Registration ends. Make sure to respond to the email!
- January 29th - In-House 25/26 Registration Packets go home-check your child's folder!
- January 30th and 31st - Weaving Display! Be sure to walk along the hallway with your child to find his/her weaving project!

PRESCHOOL



Registration

Pre-Registration and In-House Registration Procedure

It seems a bit early to think about September 2025, but January is registration time for all preschools in our area. We have many applications on file and new parents are anxious to know if there is room for their child next year. So, we conduct an in-house pre-registration in January. We do everything possible to ensure that you, our in-house families, are able to enroll in the class of your choice. We try to be very creative with our offerings. See the schedule below:

January 6th-7th: Progress Reports Go Home for Chickadee, Bluebirds, Ducklings and Cardinals.

January 8th to 10th: Conferences will be scheduled (email to sign up will be sent on January 3rd).

January 21st: In-House Pre-Registration information and form will be emailed to you. Please complete the online form link in the email no later than January 23rd. There will be an In-House lottery if necessary. You will be called if this should pertain to you.

January 29th: Look for the In-House Registration confirmation email. This is to confirm your Pre-Registration choice. Please fill out by February 13th. If you do not receive this information, please contact the office ASAP.

January 31st: Calling all Alumni & new family's applications on file.

If you have any questions regarding classes for next year or our pre-registration and registration procedures, please call Mrs. Amy or Miss. Rhys at 908-754-2060 or email us at directorsnp@givingnestpreschools.com.

Pajama & Slipper Day...



During the cozy month of January each class will have PAJAMA & SLIPPER DAY! January 15th or 16th... Please check your class calendars for your child's date. On PJ and Slipper Day, please have your child wear their PJ's and send a pair of slippers to school, placed in your child's backpack. During the day we will talk about cozy times in the winter. We will serve "semi" hot chocolate with marshmallows and whipped cream. It will be fun to see what each child enjoys in his/her hot chocolate!



FLU SHOT REMINDER FROM THE STATE NURSE...

WE MUST HAVE YOUR FLU SHOT DOCUMENTATION WHEN YOU RETURN IN JANUARY OR YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND CLASS! THIS IS MANDATED BY THE STATE AND THE BOARD OF HEALTH IS SCHEDULED TO COME AND CHECK FOR ALL DOCUMENTATION. THANK YOU!



In the event of severe weather conditions, a decision will be made to either cancel school or have a delayed opening (allowing time for the snowplows to do their jobs). In the event of a delayed opening or school closing:

- We will send out an E-mail blast to all our families with the pertinent information.

- We will also modify our outgoing message on the school phone.

Our phone number is 908-754-2060.

- We will post our school's status online on www.news12.com. Click on "New Jersey" then click on "Closings/Delays".

Please note we will be following the North Plainfield school district's closing schedule. However, it is also possible we will have to make our own decisions based on the safety of our parking lot.

Delayed Opening Schedule

All Classes will start at 10:30 am at your normal drop-off location.

There is NO Early Care BUT there is aftercare.

